

tary. Several French ships of war have repaired to the spot, and on Sunday the 12th instant, were to bombard the remaining standing walls. How the fire originated has not been ascertained; some suppose it from the earth, others that it was from the stoves. Loss of life cannot yet be ascertained, variously reported, at 4000, 5000, and some say 6000 souls. Basseterre has not sustained any injury.

DOMINICA.—Violently shaken—no real mischief done—Refugees arriving from Guadeloupe.

MARTINIQUE.—Shaken but no injury in town—the sugar mills a little damaged.

St. LUCIA.—A little shaken but no injury.

At the time of the Earthquake the ship was off the Island of Porto Rico, no shock was felt on board.

I have the honour to remain, honourable Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed) WM. HELMSLEY. Capt.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Sir Charles E. Grey, Knight, Governor and Vice Admiral of Barbadoes, &c. &c.

The following is a copy of the communication of the Governor of Guadeloupe to the Governor of Martinique:—

"POINT-A-PETRE (in ruins), 9th Feb. 1843.

"GOVERNOR.—A dreadful earthquake has just plunged in consternation the Colony of Guadeloupe. I write you in the midst of the ruins of Point-a-Petre, which exists no more. If you are more fortunate than we, send us food, especially biscuits, for we have no ovens, all is destroyed. I write you in the midst of 15,000 inhabitants deprived of an asylum and of bread. Make haste: the hungry have not time to wait.

"Your all-devoted,

"GOURBEYRE, Rear-Admiral."

Martinique and Dominica have suffered very little.—The Soufriere in Guadeloupe had not exploded as was supposed; there was at the time of the Earthquake a family visiting the Volcano. They were placed in imminent danger by the fall of one of its peaks; but fortunately escaped unhurt. Slight shocks had been felt every night since.

CHINA.—The news from China is most satisfactory. The Emperor has allowed the British, with their families, to reside at Canton, Amoy, Ningpo, Shanghai, and at Fowchowfoo, to build a place in which to repair their ships, and to hold uninterrupted intercourse with the people. The most pestilent of all monopolies, that of the Hong merchants, has ceased to exist. In Hong Kong, which is governed by Lord Saltoun, and is, to all intents and purposes, a British colony, the greatest activity prevails. The Imperial Commissioners were expected at Canton in December, and the adjustment of the pending disputes would occur early in the present year. In all likelihood, these concessions would not so readily have been obtained, had not the discontent and destitution of the Chinese themselves seemed to threaten their Tartar rulers with an internal revolt, which the restoration of peace, and consequent revival of trade, would prevent.

The people of New Brunswick are not, themselves, generally aware of the capabilities of its soil. Many have been in a habit of farming, and that to a considerable extent, who have said, that it is not a climate suited to the growth of Wheat, and yet we find that prizes were awarded at the last meeting of the York County Agricultural Society, held for that purpose, at Crock's Point, to Mr. John R. Patterson for Red Bald Wheat, weighing 66 lbs. to the bushel; and to Mr. Isaac Murray for White Bald Wheat, also weighing 66 lbs. the same measurement, as it was thrown into the measure, struck, and without being *shook down*.—*Head Quarters.*

ANOTHER MAP.—Mr. V. H. Nelson, has published a Map of the Provinces of British North America, and a part of the United States. It shows the division line between New Brunswick and the United States, both as it stood in dispute before the late Treaty, and as it is now settled. It is neatly and executed, is creditable to the enterprising publisher, and may be had at the Book Stores, mounted on Rollers, at 20s., or in cases at 12s. 6d. per copy.—*Id.*

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURED CLOTH.—Our attention has been called to samples of Cloth manufactured at Kingston, by Mr. Seymour Pickett, in machinery recently imported by him for that purpose. The quality of the material is quite superior to that which is so generally used for gents wear at the present time; and when a sufficient supply shall have been furnished in the market, we have no doubt will supercede, in a great measure, the imported articles. The House of Assembly in Nova Scotia have made a liberal grant towards a similar establishment, and as cloths are a heavy article of import, it would be a judicious measure for our Legislature to furnish similar aid in encouragement of its manufacture in this Province.—*Chronicle.*

The English Mail to meet the sailing of the Steamer from Halifax on the 3d April, will be closed at the Post Office on Tuesday the 28th instant, at half past 7 P. M.

PROSPECTUS

OF

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AND

Literary, Commercial and Agricultural Journal.

The Subscriber has determined to commence the publication of a Weekly Newspaper in Fredericton, under the name of THE HEAD QUARTERS, AND LITERARY, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL, should he receive a fair proportion of public patronage; and if (in one Office) a service of twenty-five years at the *Public Press* of the Province, together with a sincere desire to promote the best interests of his native Country, be a sufficient guarantee of his character and ability, he feels assured that he will meet such encouragement as will enable him to prosecute his designs with, at least, some small profit to himself.

The matter which the Paper, under the above title, shall contain, will be arranged according to the order in which the title reads; and no pains will be spared to make it as interesting, both for variety and usefulness, as circumstances will admit.

The HEAD QUARTERS will be published on such a day as will be most likely to ensure to its Patrons the earliest conveyance of the most important news; and as arrivals of Mails from England, and other parts of the world, have now become so frequent, scarcely a paper need be circulated without containing many articles of importance to all classes of persons who are seeking information.

Though our attention will be directed to making such selections of news as we have already stated, of a foreign nature, we will never forget to bestow a proper regard to those occurrences, of domestic importance, which have in many cases heretofore passed unnoticed.

The columns of the HEAD QUARTERS will be open to Correspondents, without partiality, whenever their Communications are not of such a character as would tend to bring it into disrepute; and to avoid any thing like licentiousness, and vindictive personalities, we will always refuse the insertion of articles written under the influence of improper feelings.

The HEAD QUARTERS will be printed on good paper, and with new type, and delivered in Town at *twelve shillings and six-pence* per annum; and when sent to the Country *two shillings and six-pence* additional will be charged, to cover postage—payable in advance.

JAMES P. A. PHILLIPS.

Fredericton, March 23, 1843.

LOST,

ON Sunday evening last, near or below the Church, an OVAL WHITE CORNELIAN BROOCH; any person who may have found the same, will be rewarded on leaving it at the Office of the Royal Gazette.

Fredericton, 20th March, 1842.

FOR SALE.



THE Subscriber offers for Sale, the BUILDING occupied by Mr. Edward McQuaid, in Carleton Street, nearly opposite the Methodist Chapel. The House is in good repair, and an excellent Stand for Business.

AND ALSO,—Thirty Shares in the New Brunswick Steam Boat Company.

The whole of the above Property will be disposed of by private sale, on liberal terms.

PETER SLEAN.

Fredericton, 11th March, 1843.

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.

WANTED immediately, a Male Teacher for a Parish School in Saint Mary's. None need apply but such as can produce good testimonials, as to character and abilities.

Application to be made to either of the Subscribers.

GEORGE L. HATHEWAY.

HUGH SMILLER.

Nashwaak, March 17, 1843.

PEW FOR SALE.

THE Subscriber will sell or dispose of a neatly cushioned square PEW, which he has occupied for two years past, in the Baptist Meeting House, (first flat,) near and convenient to the Pulpit; it will seat ten or twelve persons. Please apply to the Subscriber.

JAMES DRAKE.

Fredericton, 1st March, 1843.

TO RENT.

ONE ROOM on the first Flat of the New Brick Store, calculated for a Store or Office Room, or any other respectable occupation of business,—supposed to be fire-proof. Possession given first day of May next. Please apply to the Subscriber on the premises.

JAMES DRAKE.

Fredericton, Feb. 7, 1843.